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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT SHOULD BE DELIVERED ASAP. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR HELMUT:
I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE ENCOURAGING MESSAGES OF SUPPORT AND
COOPERATION THAT YOU SENT ME VIA HENRY OWEN. I AM GLAD
THAT YOU AND I AGREE ON THE NEED FOR A CONCERTED ECONOMIC
APPROACH TO THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS' PROBLEMS, BOTH IN THE
MONTHS AHEAD AND AT THE SUMMIT.

THE U.S WILL TRY TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION --BY ADOPTING
STRONGER ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES AND BY MOVING ON THE ENERGY
FRONT. I SHARE YOUR VIEW ABOUT THE KEY IMPORTANCE OF BOTH
THESE ACTIONS. I AM MAKING A MAJOR SPEECH OUTLINING
SPECIFIC ACTIONS AGAINST INFLATION TODAY.
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I WELCOME YOUR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE STIMULUS MEASURES, IF
NEEDED TO FULFILL GERMANY'S GROWTH TARGET, AND I UNDER-
STAND THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ANY PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF
THESE MEASURES UNTIL AND UNLESS THE NEED ARISES. I
REALIZE THAT IF SUCH MEASURES PROVE NECESSARY, THEIR TIMING
HAS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF GERMAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND

ECONOMIC FACTORS; I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE THAT IF A
DECISION CANNOT BE TAKEN BY MID-SPRING, AS IMPLIED IN
OUR AGREED MARCH 13 STATEMENT, A DECISION AT THE SUMMIT
WOULD BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN UNDERLINING THE FACT THAT
OUR ACTIONS ARE PART OF A PACKAGE OF MUTUALLY REINFORCING
MEASURES.

I WILL WRITE YOU AGAIN, AFTER PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA HAS
BEEN HERE IN EARLY MAY, TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT PASSED
BETWEEN US ABOUT THESE MATTERS. MEANWHILE, HELMUT, I
WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH YOU CLOSELY ON THESE
ISSUES.

I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE DEVOTING SO MUCH TIME AND
ATTENTION TO PLANNING THE SUMMIT MEETING. THIS BODES
WELL FOR ITS SUCCESS. THE REPORTS OF YOUR VIEWS AND
OF THE SUMMIT PREPARATORY GROUP'S WORK LEAD ME TO
CONCLUDE THAT WE ARE NOW ON FIRM GROUND IN FIXING THE
DATE DEFINITELY FOR JULY 16. SINCERELY JIMMY CARTER
END TEXT.

2. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED. CHRISTOPHER

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